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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Somalia (S/2006/838)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions 1653 (2006) and 1663 (2006) (S/2006/478)

Other matters

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	49th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]
2. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [103 (b)][1]: letter from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/557)

[1] The Assembly will first conduct elections for one remaining seat among the Eastern European States and then proceed with the by-election in accordance with document A/61/557.

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragaph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/61/500, A/61/330, A/61/331, A/61/328, A/61/329 and A/61/327) . . . . . [32]

General debate

Second Committee

3–6 p.m.[1] . . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development . . . . . [53]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.23 and A/C.2/61/L.27

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.30

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.25, A/C.2/61/L.26 and A/C.2/61/L.28

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.24

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.31

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.29 and A/C.2/61/L.33

2. Operational activities for development: Operational activities for development of the United Nations system . . . . . [58]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32

[1] Subject to the availability of conference services.

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions . . . . . [69 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.1

4. Information and communication technologies for development. . . . . [50]

Action on an oral draft decision

5. Globalization and interdependence: Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy . . . . . [55 (e)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.11/Rev.1

6. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [69]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.9/Rev.1

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.4/Rev.1

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 40th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/61/12, Supp. No. 12, A/61/12/Add.1, A/61/224 and A/61/301) . . . . . [41]

Introductory statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[1] *followed by question time*

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/61/18, A/61/186, A/61/260 and A/61/335)

[1] The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will address the Committee at *10 a.m.*

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/61/337)

Right of peoples to self-determination (A/61/333 and A/61/341) . . . . . [66]

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 41st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/61/18, A/61/186, A/61/260 and A/61/335)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/61/337)

Right of peoples to self-determination (A/61/333 and A/61/341) . . . . . [66]

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/61/12, Supp. No. 12, A/61/12/Add.1, A/61/224 and A/61/301) . . . . . [41]

General discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/61/16, A/61/6 (Part one), A/61/6 (Prog.1), A/61/6 (Prog.2), A/61/6 (Prog.3), A/61/6 (Prog.4), A/61/6 (Prog.5), A/61/6 (Prog.6), A/61/6 (Prog.7), A/61/6 (Prog.8), A/61/6 (Prog.9), A/61/6 (Prog.10), A/61/6 (Prog.11), A/61/6 (Prog.12), A/61/6 (Prog.13), A/61/6 (Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/61/6 (Prog.15), A/61/6 (Prog.16), A/61/6 (Prog.17), A/61/6 (Prog.18), A/61/6 (Prog.19), A/61/6 (Prog.20), A/61/6 (Prog.21), A/61/6 (Prog.22), A/61/6 (Prog.23), A/61/6 (Prog.24), A/61/6 (Prog.25), A/61/6 (Prog.26), A/61/6 (Prog.27), A/61/125, A/61/64, A/61/83 and A/61/83/Corr.1))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Renovation to the Secretary-General's residence: revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/61/377 and A/61/523); and Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479))

Sixth Committee

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on agenda item 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on agenda item 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies
2. Executive session on the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963-D.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (a) (International Year on Forests)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Gaspar Martins (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and extreme poverty, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 7 November 2006

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on international trade and development; least developed countries; microcredit; and industrial development cooperation; and on all draft resolutions on macroeconomic questions)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee experts)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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UNITAR/OLA Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties (in French)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–5.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Asia and the Pacific Least Developed Countries Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 7 November 2006

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. François Lonseny Fall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia[1]

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[1] If the consultations of the whole of the Security Council adjourn after the noon press briefing has taken place, Mr. Fall will speak to the press at the stakeout.

Wednesday, 8 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 50th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [18]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/132)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.10)

General Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]: letter from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/552)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Friday, 10, to Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

There will be a launching of the International Human Solidarity Day on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The keynote speaker is Mr. Lech Wałęsa, Nobel Prize Laureate and founder of the "Solidarity" movement in Poland.

The event, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under the auspices of the Second Committee, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. For further information, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/solidarity.htm>.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Forty-first session

The forty-first session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), to present and discuss information systems support for delegates, including a presentation of CandiWeb, the new secure Web portal for candidatures and elections (*elections officers are particularly encouraged to attend*); discussion of Web sites related to the Main Committees of the General Assembly; and other practical informatics issues affecting all delegations.

Commission on the Status of Women
Round table

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a round table, in the context of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The round table will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will make an introductory statement. The President of the Economic and Social Council will also make introductory remarks. High-level representatives of Governments, Parliaments, United Nations entities, civil society and the private sector will participate in the interactive dialogue, moderated by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women. Members of Permanent and Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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UNITAR/OLA Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties (in English)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Informal consultations on the draft International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties omnibus resolution

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on the development of a peacekeeping doctrine, including an update on the work on peacekeeping terminology conducted by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).]

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2007 Shanghai Special Olympics World Summer Games Forum, on the theme "Special olympics for social harmony" (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of China, the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, the Shanghai Municipal Government and Special Olympics International)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. A photo exhibit will be held from 10 to 15 November 2006, at the Viennese Café, First Basement neck area. For further information, please contact Ms. Xiaomei Li, Permanent Mission of China (tel. 1 (212) 655-6145; e-mail li_xiaomei@mfa.gov.cn).]

Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations" (organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations)

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit <www.ipu.org>.]

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council **Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Monday, 6 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

22nd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [32]

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People

and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report contained in document A/61/500.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the observer for Palestine, as well as the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, Cuba, South Africa, Kuwait, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded delegations that inscription for the list of speakers would be closed at 6 p.m., on that day, Monday, 6 November.

Third Committee

38th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [66]

The Committee began its joint consideration of agenda items 65 and 66.

Question time

The Officer-in-Charge of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights made an introductory statement.

The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Saudi Arabia, the Russian Federation, Japan, Cuba, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jamaica, Switzerland, Peru and Barbados.

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Ecuador and Cuba.

The Committee then began its general discussion of agenda items 65 and 66 and heard statements made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and the Sudan.

39th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [66]

The Committee continued its joint general discussion of agenda items 65 and 66 and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Pakistan, Cuba, China, Chile, the Russian Federation, Japan, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Moldova, Dominica

(on behalf of the Caribbean Community), South Africa, Morocco, Saint Lucia and Brazil, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Fifth Committee

18th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [116]

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these items.

Enhancing the role of the Subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Director, ad interim, of the Office of Strategic Planning and Programme Management for the Economic Commission for Africa introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/471).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/544).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process; and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Brazil and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Director, ad interim, of the Office of Strategic Planning and Programme Management for the Economic Commission for Africa and the representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Monday, 6 November, following the adjournment of the formal in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Elsa Cristina De Jesus Pataca (Angola).

Other matters

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Sixth Committee

20th meeting

The rule of law at the national and international levels . . . . . [80]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 80.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Zambia, the United States, Indonesia, the Sudan, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Egypt.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 80.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [33]

The Committee commenced its consideration of agenda item 33.

Statements were made by the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Kuwait, Nigeria, Indonesia and the Sudan.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 33.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [76]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 76.

The representative of Finland introduced draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.5.

It was announced that Albania, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Honduras, Madagascar, the Netherlands, Peru, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Uganda had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.5.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.5 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 76.

Requests for observer status in the General Assembly . . . . . [153]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 153.

The Chairman of the Committee spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 153.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Ghana (6 November 2006)

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women. New York, 20 February 1957

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Guatemala (3 November 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Signature: Ghana (6 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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A/61/PV.7	Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 10 a.m. [F]
A/61/PV.8	Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E]
A/61/PV.10	Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 11 a.m. [A C E F S]
A/61/PV.11	Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A E]

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A/61/530	Items 68 and 117 — Report of the Human Rights Council — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first session and its first and second special sessions in 2006 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/61/551	Item 134 — Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire — Revised budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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A/61/541–S/2006/848	Letter dated 23 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/859	Letter dated 1 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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E/C.2/2007/2/Add.6	Quadrennial reports for the period from 2002 to 2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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ST/ADM/SER.B/692	Credit from unencumbered balance and other income for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period ended 30 June 2005 [E F S (only)]
ST/ADM/SER.B/696	Assessment of Member States' contributions to the United Nations capital master plan [E F S (only)]
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